

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CINDY YOUNKIN**, on April 16, 2003 at 4:31 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Jim Peterson, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)  
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)  
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Debby Barrett,  
Rep. Brad Newman  
Rep. Scott Sales  
Rep. Michael Lange  
Rep. Rick Maedje

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Larry Mitchell, Legislative Branch

**Video-taped Committee:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJR 45, 4/11/2003

Executive Action: HJR 45, DO PASS,

**HEARING ON HJR 45**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

0:00 REP. SMALL-EASTMAN, HD 6 -- Short Title: Urge federal  
legislation to implement Otter Creek tracts settlement.  
**EXHIBIT** (nah82a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

03:00 David Milligan, Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
**EXHIBIT** (nah82a02)  
**EXHIBIT** (nah82a03)  
08:00 REP. BIXBY, HD 5  
09:00 Joe Lamson, Office of Public Instruction

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

10:00 Mike Barrett  
**EXHIBIT** (nah82a04)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

17:00  
28:00 Leo Berry, Great Northern Properties

**Closing by Sponsor:**

48:00

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJR 45**

**Motion:** REP. GUTSCHE moved that HJR 45 DO PASS.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. HARRIS moved that HJR 45 BE AMENDED. Motion  
carried unanimously 14-0 by voice vote.

**Vote:** Motion carried 11-5 with REPS. BARRETT, LANGE, MAEDJE,  
PETERSON, and SALES voting no by voice vote, with REPS. BARRETT,  
LANGE, MAEDJE, and SALES voting no by written proxy and REP.  
NEWMAN voting yes by voice proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.

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REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (nah82aad)**